

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TOKYO 13943 021018Z  
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 L-03 ICA-20 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00

H-02 /048 W

-----044106 030556Z /13

R 020906Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0096

UNCLAS TOKYO 13943

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PGOV, JA

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON U.S.-JAPAN

PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS SCHEDULED HEARINGS ON THE RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY SENATORS GLENN AND ROTH TO AUTHORIZE A U.S.-JAPAN PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THE ONES THAT CONGRESS HAS WITH CANADA, MEXICO AND NATO.

2. I STRONGLY SUPPORT AN EXPANSION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN AND JAPANESE DIET MEMBERS AS A KEY MEANS OF INSURING THAT EACH SIDE GAINS A GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE POLITICAL REALITIES OPERATING ON THE OTHER SIDE. MY EXPERIENCE SO FAR IN JAPAN LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT UNDERSTANDING HERE OF THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF THE CONGRESS. I SUSPECT THAT SOME OF MY FORMER COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS SIMILARLY MAY NOT BE FULLY AWARE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DIET IN INFLUENCING THE DECISIONS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON VERY IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES.

3. I AGREE WITH THE SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION THAT  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TOKYO 13943 021018Z

THE ESTABLISHMENT BY CONGRESS OF A FORMAL BODY TO CONDUCT EXCHANGES WITH JAPAN SHOULD HELP INSURE THAT THESE EXCHANGES BECOME MORE FREQUENT AND MORE BROAD-BASED. THE ONE CAUTIONARY NOTE I WOULD SOUND IS THAT, IN MY MIND, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ANY FORMAL EXCHANGE MECHANISMS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN BE SUPRA-PARTISAN, OR AS WIDELY REPRESENTATIVE AS FEASIBLE, AND BE

CONCERNED WITH THE BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH LINK OUR TWO GREAT DEMOCRATIC NATIONS. I HAVE REPEATEDLY TOLD THE VARIOUS GROUPS OF DIET MEMBERS, USUALLY REPRESENTING A SINGLE PARTY, WHO HAVE ASKED MY SUPPORT FOR REGULARIZED EXCHANGE PROGRAMS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. CONGRESS TO VOTE FOR A FORMAL SYSTEM THAT WAS NOT SUPRA-PARTISAN. THIS IS, OF COURSE, THE WAY IN WHICH OUR MEXICAN, CANADIAN AND NATO PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGES ARE STRUCTURED.

MANSFIELD

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** LEGISLATORS, US CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 02 aug 1978  
**Decapton Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decapton Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978TOKYO13943  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780317-0778  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** TOKYO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t197808105/aaaadkdd.tel  
**Line Count:** 72  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 782c0358-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 mar 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1555006  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON U.S.-JAPAN PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE  
**TAGS:** PGOV, SCUL, JA  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/782c0358-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014